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1. EMBASSY HAS LITTLE TO ADD TO "SUMMARY OF GUATEMALAN
LAW AND PRACTICE ON TERRORISM" LEFT WITH POLITICAL
OFFICE DURING MARCH VISIT BY GAO STAFFER DIGIORGIO.

A. GAO MAY BE INTERSTED TO KNOW THAT THE NEW
GUATEMALAN FOREIGN MINISTER HAS URGED NEW CNGRESS TO
ACT ON RATIFICATION OF HAGUE AND MONTRIAL CONVENTIONS
AS PRIORITY ORDER OF BUSINESS.

B. CITATION FROM "ARTICLE 375" OF PENAL CODE
IS REALLY ARTICLE 374.

C. EMBASSY DOES NOT RECALL ANY CASES IN RECENT
YEARS OF PROSECUTIONS ON TERRORISM CHARGE IN GUATEMALA.

D. OFFICIAL STATEMENTS ON TERRORISM GENERALLY
LEAN TO PLATITUDES, AND ARE UNHELPFUL. WE ARE
TRANSMITTING, HOWEVER, SEVERAL NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS
WHICH MAY BE OF INTERST. THEY COVER: (A) GOG STATEMENT
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ON TERRORISM ISSUED JANUARY 31, 1978 AFTER HERRERA
IBARGUEN KIDNAPPING, AND (B) DEPUTY FONMIN'S JUNE 21,
1978 BRIEFING OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS IN LIGHT OF PURPORTED
PRE-INAUGURATION TERRORIST THREAT AGAINST CHIEFS OF
MISSION. GUATEMALAN 3667 REPORTED ON LATTER MEETING.

2. REPORT ON GUATEMALAN ELECTIONS TO WHICH REFTTEL

REFERS IS ONE PREPARED BY NON-OFFICIAL
US OBSERVERS. WE ARE SENDING COPY MADE AVAILABLE TO
EMBASSY BY ITS AUTHOR, JOHN RICHARDSON, JR.

3. MATERIAL, AS INDICATED, BEING MAILED TO DEPARTMENT,
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